soon as rat was observed on the aircraft, aircraft was fumigated prior to offering for the next flight to ensure safe operation of aircraft.

Norms for Procurement of Aircrafts

3117. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have floated tenders for the procurement of more modern and younger aircrafts on lease to meet its immediate needs;

(b) if so, the details of the requirements and the response received from various sources; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the leasing companies are averse to tenders and are keen on on-the-spot decisions; if so, the views of Government on this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease. Quotation received from various parties would need to be examined and evaluated before the recommendations are put up to the Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines Limited.

Black Box of Crashed Alliance Aircraft

3118. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not disclosing the contents of Black Box as it is now more than three weeks after the plane crash took place at Patna;

(b) the reasons for disclosing of contents being with held for so long; and

(c) the details of the contents and the lessons learnt therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The black box of Boeing 737 aircraft of Alliance Air which was involved in an accident near Patna airport on 17th